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SUBJECT: FUNERAL OF PRIME MINISTER KIRK

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1. MEMORIAL SERVICE (INTERDENOMINATIONAL)

FOR LATE PRIME MINISTER KIRK WILL BE HELD AT 11:00 A.M.

WELLINGTON TIME ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, AT SAINT PAUL'S ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL IN WELLINGTON. US AND OTHER FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WILL ATTEND THIS CEREMONY. KIRK'S BODY WILL BE FLOWN TO CHRISTCHURCH WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND LIE IN STATE AT TOWN HALL. FROM THERE IT WILL BE TAKEN FOR INTERMENT ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, AT WAIMATE, SOUTH OF TIMARU, KIRK'S PLACE OF BIRTH. FOREIGN DELEGATIONS WILL NOT RPT NOT BE INVOLVED IN CHRISTCHURCH OR WAIMATE CEREMONIES.

2. DARK BUSINESS SUIT HAS BEEN DECIDED ON FOR MEMORIAL SERVICE. FOR NORMAL WEAR DELEGATION SHOULD KEEP IN MIND THAT THIS IS WINTER IN SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE. CLOTHES SUITABLE TO AMERICAN WINTERS WILL BE NEEDED. TOPCOATS ARE ALSO NECESSARY AS WELL AS RAINCOATS FOR OUTSIDE WEAR.

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT DELEGATION ARRIVE IF POSSIBLE BY MID-AFTERNOON ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3. IF DELEGATION
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PLANE IS A 707, IT WILL HAVE TO LAND AT OHAKEA, A ROYAL

NEW ZEALAND AIR FORCE BASE ABOUT 70 MILES NORTH OF WELLINGTON, RATHER THAN AT WELLINGTON. RNZAF WILL FLY OUR DELEGATION DOWN TO WELLINGTON ABOUT 35 MINUTES AWAY. LATEST POSSIBLE ARRIVAL TIME WOULD BE 8:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON SEPTEMBER 4. IF THERE WERE NO HITCHES, DELEGATION WOULD STILL BE ABLE TO GET TO STATE FUNERAL SERVICE. BUT WE RECOMMEND STRONGLY AGAINST CUTTING THINGS THIS CLOSE AS OHAKEA CAN HAVE MORNING FOGS THIS TIME OF YEAR. CHANCES OF FOG ARE MUCH DIMINISHED IN AFTERNOONS.

4. MFA HAS INFORMED US THAT CABINET MEETING THIS MORNING DISCUSSED WHETHER GNZ WOULD DISCUSS SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WITH VISITING DIGNITARIES AND ADOPTED A NEGATIVE DECISION. IT ALSO APPEARS DOUBTFUL TO US THAT CIRCUMSTANCES WILL LEND THEMSELVES TO SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN DELEGATION AND THIRD COUNTRY DELEGATIONS. HOWEVER, WE MAY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE COURTESY CALL BY OUR DELEGATION ON ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND LEADER OF OPPOSITION, ROBERT MULDOON.

5. GNZ STILL HAS FEW DETAILS ON WHO WILL REPRESENT FOREIGN COUNTRIES AT KIRK FUNERAL, ALTHOUGH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM OF AUSTRALIA SEEMS ALMOST CERTAIN. CANADA WILL BE REPRESENTED BY SENATOR PERRAULT FOR THE GOVERNMENT AND IVAN HEAD FOR PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU. PRINCE CHARLES MAY REPRESENT QUEEN ELIZABETH BUT THIS IS NOT CERTAIN. A CABINET MINISTER IS LIKELY TO REPRESENT BRITISH GOVERNMENT.

6. WE SHALL APPRECIATE RECEIVING AN EARLY INDICATION OF IDENTITY, SIZE OF US DELEGATION AND THEIR PASSPORT NUMBERS. TYPE OF PLANE THAT WILL BE USED TO BRING DELEGATION TO NEW ZEALAND ALSO NEEDED. PLEASE INCLUDE ANY OTHER INFORMATION WHICH DEPARTMENT FEELS WE SHOULD KNOW. SELDEN

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